

St Michael's Parish Good News



PARISH SUPPORT CENTRE: 121-123 High Street, Berwick 3806 Ph: 9707 1355

WEB: www.stmichaelsparish.org.au **FACEBOOK:** fb.me/StMichaelsBerwick

Hours: Mon, Wed, Fri: 9.00am-4.30pm, Tue: 1.00pm-4.30pm, Thurs: 9.00am-12.00pm

St Michael's Catholic Parish acknowledges that we are on the traditional land of the Bunurong People.

We pay respect to all elders, past, present, and future, and we are committed to achieving Reconciliation.



Welcome to St Michael's Parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk.

Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero-tolerance policy when it comes to abuse.

All our parishioners have the right to feel safe and welcome at St Michael's Parish.

Any concerns, please contact the Safeguarding Officer on 9707 1355 or secretary@stmichaelsparish.org.au

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A 27/28 JUNE 2026

COMING WEEK'S MASSES

Saturday: 6.00pm

Sunday: 7.30am, 9.00am,
10.30am, 6.00pm

WEEKDAYS

Tues: 9.30am

Wed: **7.30am**
9.30am Communion Service

Thu-Sat: 9.30am

All preceded by the Rosary

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 10.00am
5.00pm

PARISH PRIEST

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PARISH INFORMATION

BAPTISMS

Please contact the Parish Centre

MARRIAGES

At least six months' notice requested

FACEBOOK:

www.facebook.com/StMichaelsBerwick/

CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

<https://www.cdsale.org.au/safeguarding-resources>

JUBILEE YEAR OF ST FRANCIS PRAYER

Saint Francis, our brother,
you who eight hundred years ago
went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace,
intercede for us before the Lord.

You recognized true peace in the Crucifix of San Damiano,
teach us to seek in Him the source of all reconciliation
that breaks down every wall.

You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war and misunderstanding,
give us the courage to build bridges
where the world raises up boundaries.

In this time afflicted by conflict and division,
intercede for us so that we may become peacemakers:
unarmed and disarming witnesses
of the peace that comes from Christ. Amen

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)



Is for adults who would like to become full members of the Catholic Church. This usually occurs at the Easter Vigil, a ceremony which is a highlight of the Church calendar. If you or someone you know might be interested in becoming a Catholic, come along to one of our Inquiry Nights, Wednesday July 8 or July 22 at 7.30pm at the Parish Support Centre. Inquiries: 9707 4072 or 9707 1355.

LEGION OF MARY: Will be holding a Recruitment Drive this weekend. Founded in Dublin, Ireland, the Legion of Mary is a lay apostolic association within the Catholic Church, dedicated to prayer, spiritual growth, and service to others through the guidance of Our Lady. The weekend offers a wonderful opportunity for parishioners to learn more about the mission and works of the Legion, and to consider becoming part of this meaningful ministry. Legion members will be available after each Mass to share information and answer questions. We warmly invite you to learn more about the Legion's lay apostolic work within our parish.



MEETINGS

MONTHLY CUPPA 2nd Sunday after 9.00am Mass-July 12

3rd Sunday after 10.30am Mass- July 19

RCIA

Wednesday 7.30pm

MONTHLY PRAYER MINISTRY: First Sunday of each month from 8.30am.

FILIPINO MASS

3rd Sunday at 3.00pm – July 19

INDONESIAN MASS

1st Saturday at 5.00pm PSC – July 4

LEGION OF MARY

Tuesday 10.15am – 11.45am PSC

Prayer Box in foyer for intentions

MENS GROUP

Tuesday 7.30pm PSC

PARISH ROSARY:

Monday 2.30pm

Zoom 829 9519 6798

SVDP CONFERENCE

2nd Tuesday of the month 4.30pm PSC

CBS BIBLE STUDY

Thursday 7.00pm PSC

MEDITATION SESSIONS

1st Tuesday of the month 7.30pm PSC

July 7

RISEN LORD COMMUNITY

Friday 7.15pm

PARISH SCHOOLS

ST MICHAEL'S PRIMARY

16 Scanlan Street, Berwick

Phone: 8794 2400

ST CATHERINE'S PRIMARY

73 Ridgmont Drive, Berwick

Phone: 9702 1466

ST BRIGID'S PRIMARY

25 Bayview Road, Officer

Phone: 5943 2447

ST FRANCIS XAVIER COLLEGE

Phone: 9707 3111

SERVICES AVAILABLE

SHALOM WORLD: Catholic channel.

SWTV via

<https://www.stmichaelsparish.org.au>

CATHOLIC CARE: 1800 522 076

SVDP SOUP VAN THUR/SUN:

Narre Warren IGA - 6.30pm / 6.45pm

Hampton Park Baptist Church

- 7.30pm / 8.00pm

MOBILE PANTRY VAN: 1st & 3rd Tue

Narre Warren IGA - 11.30am-11.45am

Hampton Park Baptist Church

- 12.00pm-12.30pm

Vinnies Welfare Assistance

Mon-Fri - 1800 305 330

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HELP

ORANGE DOOR: 1800 319 354

Monday - Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm

1800RESPECT: 1800 737 732

SAFE STEPS: 1800 015 188

NO TO VIOLENCE - MEN'S

REFERRAL SERVICE: 1300 766 491

Mon-Fri: 8.00am – 9.00pm,

Sat-Sun: 9.00am – 6.00pm

MULTI-CULTURAL CENTRE AGAINST

FAMILY VIOLENCE: 1800 755 988

WAYS Emergency Accommodation:

9703 0044 or after 5.00pm 1800 825 955

LIFELINE: 13 11 14

BEYOND BLUE: 1300 22 4636

or <https://www.beyondblue.org.au/>

PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF: Helen Fyfe (Service Tue, June 30 at 11.00am), Emilin Rebelo (Fr Antony Rebelo's Mother), Roselyn Schuller, Gerard Driessen, Alexander Restituto, Guito Benoit, Nicholas Couronne and all those who died recently and for Flavian Fernandez, Joseph Chacko, Steve Kulak, Jose Mendoza, Madonna Lewis, Trevor Wishart, Thomas Miles and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

THOSE WHO SEEK OUR PRAYERS: Marielle Steinhage, Marie Restituto, Robert Cullen, Danielle Tobin, Rex Clair, Mary Hughes, Mary Clarke, Joan O'Shea Anna Tekin, Jackie Otoole, Marina Botic, Hilda Newstead, Sandra Jackson, Estelle Thompson, Solange Duivenvoorden, Colin Goldsmith, Anthony Morrill, Samantha Kirchner, Josie Richardson, Robert Addison, Ann Kroon, Rita Rowland, Maureen Donnelly, Julia Torelli, Jeremy Fahie, Betty Guerin, Kath Angrave, Ivor Silvapulle.

[Names will be removed after one month, unless we are advised otherwise]

BAPTISMS: Our parish welcomes Lucy and Maeva Collins, Violet McMaster, Ella Stirling, Mateo Pirie and Dario Mucic baptised recently. We pray that they will continue to be a special part of our parish.

GOOD NEWS: Notices required by 10.00am, Thursday. Thank you.

7.30AM MORNING MASS: Will be offered on Wednesdays until July 8.

SCHOOL GROUND PARKING: Please remove your vehicle from the School Grounds after 10.30am Mass quickly, **as the gates will be locked at 12.00pm.** The school lets us use their car park during Mass times, however for security and safety of the school grounds we need to lock the gates after Mass. Thank you.

ST MICHAEL'S YOUTH GROUP – 'Archangel Youth': 18-35-year-olds.

July: First **Youth Mass July 5 at 10.30am Mass**, followed by a 'get together' in the Parish Support Centre.

Third Sunday July 19 at 4.00pm at the Parish Support Centre. Anyone over 18 who wishes to join is most welcome.

Other age youth groups will follow at a later stage.

MONTHLY PRAYER MINISTRY: Next Sunday from 8.30am until 9.00am Mass in the adoration area. Prayer is gentle, private and confidential. Just come, no booking needed, we would love to pray for you.

READERS & PIETY ROSTERS: Will be prepared shortly. If you would like to join either ministry or your availability has changed, contact Geraldine at the Parish Support Centre. Thank you.

COLLECTORS: Diocesan Safeguarding procedures require us to collate names and details for all our volunteers, including regular collectors during Mass. Please write your name and details on the form in the sacristy. Thank you.

DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN - CONSULTATION PROCESS 2026:

Thank you to all parishioners who have collected the forms, please return as soon as possible by placing them in the box in the foyer or returning them to the Parish Support Centre. Forms are available on the website or use the QR code.



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP: Will meet on Tuesday, July 7, from 7.30pm to 8.30pm at St Michael's Parish Support Centre. Centring Prayer, a practice similar to but distinct from our usual Christian Meditation, will be introduced. All are welcome.

CHILDRENS' LITURGY: Extra volunteers are needed. If you can help, please contact the Parish Support Centre. Thank you.

ROSTERS: For all Ministries are on display in the foyer. Please check them regularly, and if you are unable to assist on your allocated date, ***it is your responsibility to swap with someone else.***

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY: "Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God."

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING: Every second Saturday 3.30pm - 5.00pm and every third Monday 4.30pm - 6.00pm of the month. Upcoming dates July 11 and 20. Thank you to all that help with this ministry.

JESUS YOUTH VICTORIA: National Youth Conference 'Chosen': July 4, 5.30pm-8.00pm at Holy Family Parish, 100 Power Road, Doveton. Come along and bring your friends for a night of connection, prayer, worship, music and community. Register at <https://forms.gle/2fSrYW6b1JdGjMPJ9> or QR



ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST: Is currently offering scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity - promoting faith enhancement, social justice, and pastoral care. If you are looking to strengthen your skills and serve your community, you are encouraged to apply. Closes Friday July 31. Information & Application Forms: uacpallottines.au

MARY MACKILLOP - A SAINT OF OUR TIME: Explore St Mary MacKillop's legacy and learn how to draw inspiration from her life to make a difference today. Venue: Online Thursday, August 6 7.00pm-8.00pm. Registration: cdsale.org.au/events or 5614 5163 or newsonline@sale.catholic.org.au

HOLY HOURS FOR VOCATIONS: "A prayer today... A shepherd tomorrow..." Saturday, July 4 at 8.45am Rosary followed by 9.30am Mass and Holy Hour. St Brendan's Parish, Lakes Entrance. Light refreshments.

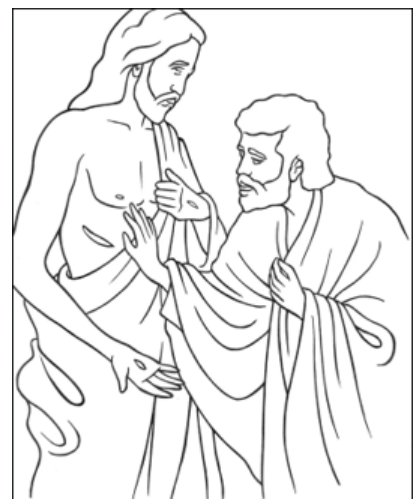
REFLECTION – Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we are faced with the cost of discipleship, but we are also comforted by the promise of the providence of God. Baptism is for us both death and life. Through it we enter into Christ's death and we die to lives of selfishness and sin. Through it we rise with Christ to a new life freed from everything that previously held us down. As glorious as this new life might be, it requires death to our old ways of living, and this is always difficult.

The cost of discipleship cuts right to the core of our beings, it lays bare the very structures of kinship. Baptism recreates us as children of God; through it we are given a new life and born into a new family. The bonds of discipleship are now even stronger than the bonds of blood. Discipleship requires our very lives. As disciples we can no longer put ourselves first. We must be willing to spend ourselves and to be spent, to serve others in the day to day unfolding of life. We may find such commitment very demanding, but that is part of the cost of discipleship. God promises that if we lose our lives in this way, we will really gain them. If we are unselfish in the way we share ourselves with others, we will be enriched through our generosity. If we spend ourselves and are spent in our service of others we will be filled with blessings unimaginable.

SAINT THOMAS, APOSTLE: FEAST DAY JULY 3: 'A mistake, and the mercy of God'

Thomas made one mistake that is recorded in the gospels, and it was not first to doubt. It was to be absent from the assembled Church on the evening of the Resurrection. Thomas was alone, without the protection of his brothers, and so all the fragility of our human nature in the face of death and pain is revealed in him. His Lord had died. Thomas knew this; it filled him with a grief greater than his comprehension. He must have thought: after so brutal a death, after so definitive a sealing of the tomb, there can be no more life. Not for the Lord, not for him, not for any of them. "So the other disciples said to him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the marks of the nails in his hands and ... put my hand into his side, I will not believe'" (Jn 20:25). But a week later, when Thomas was at last with the brethren, the Lord had mercy on the unbelief in this fragile, wounded, doubting, courageous and loving disciple. "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side...." Thus it was granted to Thomas to utter, for himself and for all believers after him, the clearest confession of Christ's divinity in the Scriptures: "My Lord and my God!" (Jn 20:28).



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R.**
2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss. **R.**
3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of
their strength;
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of
Israel. **R.**

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SECOND READING: Romans 6: 3-4, 8-11

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 10: 37-42

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. 'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me. 'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward. 'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.